



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ON SOLAR & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACTIVITIES

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007

The Council of the City of San José convened in study session at 9:06 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Chirco, Constant, Liccardo, Nguyen, Pyle; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - Campos, Cortese, Williams (Excused).

Vacant: - Districts 4 and 6.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Manager Les White, City Clerk Lee Price, Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services John Stuffebean, dated January 11, 2007, transmitting the materials for the January 25, 2007 Study Session.

Overview of City Energy Efforts

Director of Environmental Services John Stuffebean presented an overview of the City Efforts to Date. Environmental Services Program Manager Mary Tucker presented an overview of the Sustainable Energy Activities for the City of San José Director Office of Economic Development. Director of Economic Development Paul Krutko outlined the Clean and Green Economic Development Efforts and New Solar Partnerships.

City Attorney Richard Doyle and Environmental Services Program Manager Mary Tucker responded to Council questions and comments.

Council Member Chirco expressed concern with the third party solar panels on public buildings which are usually paid by tax deferred bonds. Council Member Chirco requested a report back on private sector incentives for LEED Silver Certification. Program Manager Tucker replied there will be a staff preliminary analysis in February 2007 with a full report to Council during May Budget Hearings.

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Mayor Reed requested that Staff circulate the slide presentations electronically.

Statewide Initiatives and Opportunities

Duane Larson, Senior Manager, Customer Energy Efficiency, Pacific Gas and Electric, presented an outline of PG&E's Energy Efficiency, Solar and Climate Change Opportunities for the City of San José. James Goldstone, Air Resources Board, Climate Change Initiative, presented an outline of California's Climate Change Initiative.

Public Comment: Jill Cody, The Climate Project/Al Gore, stated that the City should look at educating the general public by broadening and strengthening its educational campaign. Rhonda Berry, Our City Forest/ECO Silicon Valley, stated her Board would like to empower City residents to go to the next steps and would like to launch "Green Neighborhoods". She added she has spoken with Director of Environmental Services John Stufflebean.

Council discussion followed.

Case Studies - Private Sector and Public

Margaret Burce, Sustainable Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) presented an overview of the Sustainable Silicon Valley, Local Businesses Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and SVLG "Clean and Green" Alternative Energy Action Plan. Tom Blair, Deputy Director, Energy and Conservation, City of San Diego outlined the San Diego's Solar Commitment. Randy Knox III, Director of Real Estate and Facilities, ADOBE presented an overview of ADOBE's Commitment to Leading Edge, Environmental Design and Construction. Rich Turner, Senior Director, The Tech Museum presented an outline of the Solar Project at the Tech Museum of Innovation, a Partnership with the City of San José

Council questions followed.

Public Comments: Michael Borbely stated he designs and builds custom homes and lives in San José, adding that San José should have more facilities with solar power in order to save energy.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Director of Environmental Services John Stufflebean presented the next steps.

Mayor Reed adjourned the study session at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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